

1 STATE OF GEORGIA  
2 COUNTY OF FULTON  
3 CITY OF SOUTH FULTON

4 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-008

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH FULTON ESTABLISHING  
7 A CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE, ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENTAL  
8 PROTECTION AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES  
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10 (Sponsored by Councilpersons Gilyard and Gumbs)

11 WHEREAS, the City of South Fulton ("City") is a municipal corporation duly  
12 organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia;  
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14 WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City is the Mayor and City  
15 Council ("City Council");

16 WHEREAS, the City desires to create a City Environmental Committee to help  
17 ensure smart, sustainable environmental initiatives related to economic development  
18 and the long-term financial viability of the City;

19 WHEREAS, environmental related initiatives are necessary to strengthen  
20 environmental justice policies and programs to meet the needs in low income areas  
21 and/or areas of minority concentration;

22 WHEREAS, the City desires to advance environmental sustainability by using  
23 best practices to promote social equity and encourage quality economic development;

24 WHEREAS, the City additionally desires to encourage citizen participation in  
25 environmental education programs, planning, project approval and regulation  
26 enforcement processes by empowering the public with information and encouraging  
27 community activism on environmental issues; and

28 WHEREAS, this Resolution is in the best interests of the health and general  
29 welfare of the City, its residents and general public.  
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31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL as  
32 follows:  
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34 Section 1. The City Council hereby establishes the City Environmental  
35 Committee, which shall be governed as follows:  
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37 (a) **Duties.** The duties of the Environmental Committee shall consist of:

1. Advising the City Council on environmental/green issues, including climate change, recycling, clean air, clean water, wildlife management, hazardous waste and protection against health threatening contaminants/solid waste;
2. Presenting proposed plans to the City Council for ensuring sustainable parks, forests, open spaces and water resource management;
3. Coordinating the City's annual celebration of Earth Day; and
4. Developing proposed environmental based educational programs for the community.

**(b) Composition and Appointment.** The Environmental Committee shall consist of up to three City Councilmembers and up to eight City residents, all of whom shall be named for appointment by each member of the Council, subject to confirmation by the City Council. Resident members shall have education and experience in environment science, public health science, environmental justice or environmental education. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be selected by the City Council from the members appointed. No City Council member shall be appointed, or selected to serve as the Chairperson and/or Vice-Chairperson, absent their consent. The Mayor Pro Tem of the Council may serve, at his discretion, as an ex officio member of the Environmental Committee whenever less than three of the City Council members serving are present at a meeting.

**(c) Term and Removal.** Non-City Council Environmental Committee members shall serve a two year term, commencing from the date of their first Committee meeting. City Councilmembers shall serve on the Environmental Committee for the remainder of the term of office during which they are appointed, but may resign from the Environmental Committee at any time for any reason. The City Council may remove any Environmental Committee member at any time, with or without cause. Any Non-City Council Environmental Committee member who fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings shall automatically stand removed.

**(d) Meetings.**

(i) Time. The Environmental Committee shall adopt a regular meeting schedule, and may hold special meetings, as they deem necessary in order to carry out their functions, with the exception that they shall hold at least one regular meeting during every month in which there is a scheduled regular meeting of the City Council. Meetings may be cancelled or rescheduled by the Committee as circumstances require. The regular meetings schedule and notice of any special

81 and/or rescheduled meetings shall be promptly provided to the City Clerk, who  
82 shall notice the same in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.  
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84 (ii) Location. In addition to City property and/or the City Council Chambers, the  
85 Environmental Committee may conduct its meetings at churches, parks, schools  
86 and libraries within the City, as such is available. The Environmental Committee  
87 Chairperson shall confirm with the City Clerk the availability of City property.  
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89 **(e) Input and Assistance.** The Environmental Committee members may seek  
90 input from City residents and businesses. Members may interact directly with the  
91 City Manager, City Attorney, City Treasurer and City Clerk, and may request  
92 assistance from City staff through the City Manager and/or his designee.  
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94 **(f) Quorum and Governance.** Four Environmental Committee members shall  
95 constitute a quorum and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Environmental  
96 Committee. The Environmental Committee shall be governed procedurally by  
97 Robert's Rules of Order, as it is revised from time to time, and shall conduct its  
98 meetings in accordance with all applicable local and state laws, including the  
99 Georgia Open Meetings Act.

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101 **(g) Funds.** Environmental Committee members shall not receive compensation.  
102 The Environmental Committee may, by lawful means, fundraise to support its  
103 efforts. All funds raised and/or received shall be made payable to the City of  
104 South Fulton and kept in a special account(s) restricted for the Environmental  
105 Committee.

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107 **Section 3.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that: (a)  
108 All sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Resolution are or  
109 were, upon their enactment, believed by the City Council to be fully valid, enforceable  
110 and constitutional.

111 (b) To the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence,  
112 clause or phrase of this Resolution is severable from every other section, paragraph,  
113 sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution. No section, paragraph, sentence, clause  
114 or phrase of this Resolution is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph,  
115 sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution.

116 (c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this  
117 Resolution shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or  
118 otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent  
119 jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the City Council that such invalidity,  
120 unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not

render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Resolution.

**Section 3.** All Resolutions and parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

**Section 4.** The effective date of this Resolution shall be the date of adoption unless provided otherwise by the City Charter or state and/or federal law.

The foregoing **RESOLUTION No. 2019-008**, adopted on **February 12, 2019** was offered by Councilmember **Baker**, who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Councilmember **khalid**, and being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

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William "Bill" Edwards, Mayor

Mark Baker, Mayor Pro Tem

Catherine Foster Rowell

Carmalitha Lizandra Gumbs

Helen Zenobia Willis

Gertrude Naeema Gilyard

Rosie Jackson


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187 THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019. CITY OF SOUTH  
188 FULTON, GEORGIA.  
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195 WILLIAM "BILL" EDWARDS, MAYOR  
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201 ATTEST:

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205 S. DIANE WHITE, CITY CLERK

206 ITEM# Res2019-008 DATE 2/12/2019  
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209 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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213 EMILIA C. WALKER, CITY ATTORNEY  
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